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# MAN OF MANY FACES

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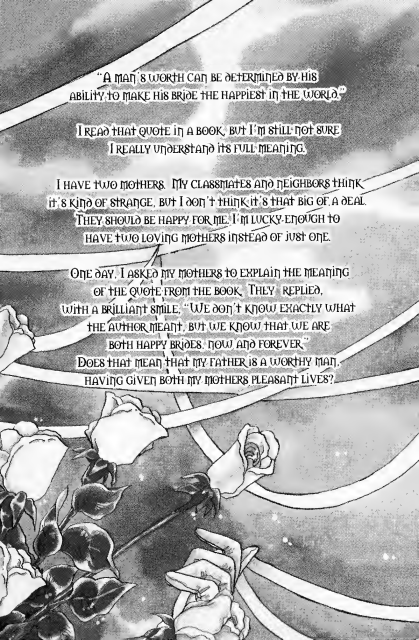
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"A MAN'S WORTH CAN BE DETERMINED BY HIS  
ABILITY TO MAKE HIS BRIDE THE HAPPIEST IN THE WORLD."

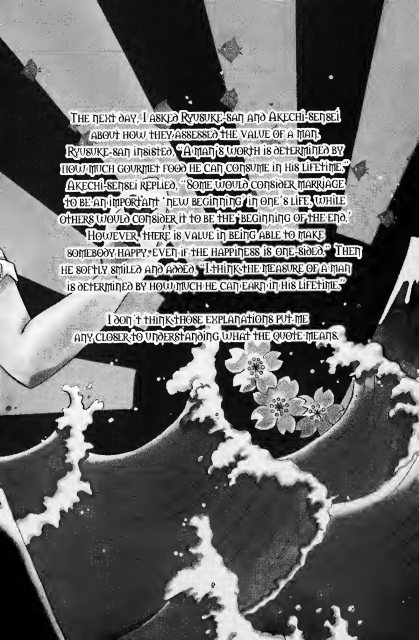
I READ THAT QUOTE IN A BOOK, BUT I'M STILL NOT SURE  
I REALLY UNDERSTAND ITS FULL MEANING.

I HAVE TWO MOTHERS. MY CLASSMATES AND NEIGHBORS THINK  
IT'S KIND OF STRANGE, BUT I DON'T THINK IT'S THAT BIG OF A DEAL.  
THEY SHOULD BE HAPPY FOR ME. I'M LUCKY ENOUGH TO  
HAVE TWO LOVING MOTHERS INSTEAD OF JUST ONE.

ONE DAY, I ASKED MY MOTHERS TO EXPLAIN THE MEANING  
OF THE QUOTE FROM THE BOOK. THEY REPLIED,  
WITH A BRILLIANT SMILE, "WE DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT  
THE AUTHOR MEANT, BUT WE KNOW THAT WE ARE  
BOTH HAPPY BRIDES. NOW AND FOREVER."

DOES THAT MEAN THAT MY FATHER IS A WORTHY MAN,  
HAVING GIVEN BOTH MY MOTHERS PLEASANT LIVES?





THE NEXT DAY, I ASKED RYUSUKE-SAN AND AKECHI-SENSEI ABOUT HOW THEY ASSESSED THE VALUE OF A MAN. RYUSUKE-SAN INSISTED, "A MAN'S WORTH IS DETERMINED BY HOW MUCH GOURMET FOOD HE CAN CONSUME IN HIS LIFETIME." AKECHI-SENSEI REPLIED, "SOME WOULD CONSIDER MARRIAGE TO BE AN IMPORTANT 'NEW BEGINNING' IN ONE'S LIFE, WHILE OTHERS WOULD CONSIDER IT TO BE THE 'BEGINNING OF THE END.'

HOWEVER, THERE IS VALUE IN BEING ABLE TO MAKE SOMEBODY HAPPY, EVEN IF THE HAPPINESS IS ONE-SIDED." THEN HE SOFTLY SMILED AND ADDED, "I THINK THE MEASURE OF A MAN IS DETERMINED BY HOW MUCH HE CAN EARN IN HIS LIFETIME."

I DON'T THINK THOSE EXPLANATIONS PUT ME ANY CLOSER TO UNDERSTANDING WHAT THE QUOTE MEANS.



It's your typical Friday night date. I asked Utako-san about the quote over sweets and Chinese sweet buns. We ate them under the moonlight. That's kind of strange," she said, looking a bit puzzled. "A woman might find happiness as a joyful bride, but what about a man?" This time, it was my turn to be perplexed. "If a man and woman are together, it's not fair for only one of them to be happy. True bliss happens only when both the bride and groom are happy. Don't you think? At least, that's what I would work hard to achieve," Utako-san explained. She was smiling. "I think happiness comes to a couple because they each tried hard to achieve it on their own, as well as together. People who claim that they are happy because they are together without having to put any effort into it are living in a dream. When they wake up, all they will have are lazy memories filled with regret. I don't want to cry over wasted time. There is no such thing as 'two worlzs becoming one.' I'm not afraid to work to stay with someone and be happy. Happiness doesn't come to you. You have to go to it."



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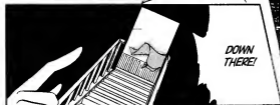
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THERE  
HE IS!!




In our modern  
world, full of  
electronic surveil-  
lance and high-tech  
protection, a  
gentleman thief is a  
sensational creature.



This one's...

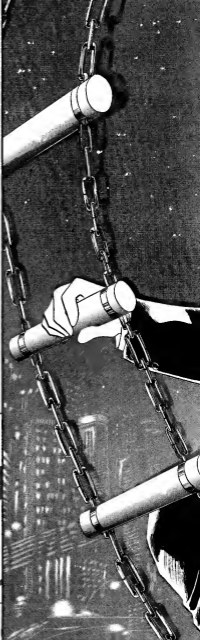


牙鷹堂三石店



...the Mysterious Man  
with Twenty Faces.

EVENT  
1  
FIRST ENTRY  
初登場







BYE-BYE!



ALRIGHT.



WE WOULDN'T ASK IF WE DIDN'T REALLY-WANT IT. YOU HAVE TO!

DON'T BE THAT WAY. PLEASE!



HEYA, RYUSUKE-SAN!



HIS FATHER OWNS A SUSHI RESTAURANT. HE GOES TO THE ACADEMY'S HIGH SCHOOL.

YOU OKAY? YOU SEEM DOWN.

UH...

HE'S BEEN NICE TO ME SINCE WE MOVED HERE.



NOT REALLY.

YOU IN SOME KIND OF TROUBLE?

HA-HA



I'LL WALK WITH YOU.

YO!!

G'MORNING!

HIS NAME IS RYUSUKE KOBAYASHI-SAN. HE'S MY NEIGHBOR.

HE'S  
OBSESSED  
WITH  
OUR  
LOCAL  
THEF.

...AND  
HE'S GOT A  
PASSION FOR  
MYSTERIES.

OH,  
YEAH

DID  
YOU HEAR?  
HE'S DONE  
IT AGAIN!

20  
FACES  
...?

HE'S  
A NICE  
GUY...

LET ME  
KNOW IF  
YOU NEED  
ANYTHING.  
YOU KNOW  
I'LL ALWAYS  
HELP.

YOU  
BET!!



HE  
WOULD  
BE SO  
SHOCKED  
TO KNOW  
I WAS 20  
FACES.





THERE  
HE IS!

IT'S  
HEAVY!



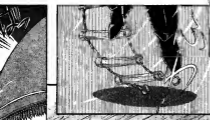
UH-OH!

I KNEW  
STAKING  
THIS  
PLACE  
OUT  
WOULD  
WORRY!

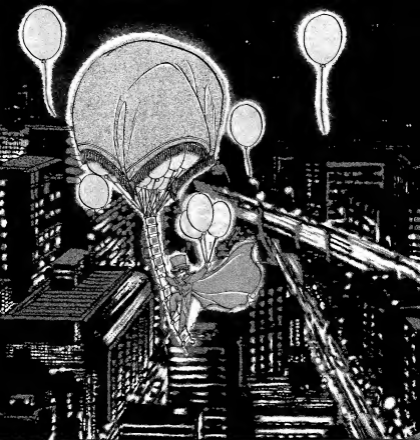
HE  
TOOK THE  
CURTAIN.  
JUST LIKE  
HE SAID!

HE'S  
HEADING  
TOWARDS  
THE  
ROOF.

YOU  
SAW  
HIM?  
WHERE  
IS HE?  
WHERE  
?!







COWARD!

20 FACES  
YOU WIMP!



...INTO A  
HOT AIR  
BALLOON!



IT'S NOT  
FAIR!



WE HAD  
20 FACES  
TRAPPED.  
AND HE  
GOT AWAY!

LAST  
NIGHT  
WAS A  
DISASTER



SEE  
YOU  
TONIGHT!



I'M SORRY.



...AS  
A  
CARPET.

END



THE  
CURTAIN  
IS GOR-  
GEOUS...

WE MAY  
HAVE  
HAD TO  
BEG,  
BUT IT'S  
WORTH  
IT.



YOU'LL  
ALWAYS  
BE MY  
FAVORITE  
STUDENT.



MY FIRST  
LOVE AND MY  
HEART...WERE  
BRUTALLY  
SHATTERED.



EVENT  
SHINING STAR

翔星







12 F

HOLD  
IT, 20  
FACES!

SURRENDER  
NOW BEFORE  
ANYONE  
GETS HURT!



12 F

WHAT A  
ROTTEN  
TRICK!





The Ogawa Mansion



EXCEPT  
THAT  
WE'RE TOO  
FAR APART  
IN AGE?!  
EVEN IF I  
AM HIS  
FAVORITE  
STUDENT?!

HE  
LIKES  
ME,  
DOES  
HE?



HE  
COULD'VE  
LIED! HE  
COULD'VE  
SAID  
NOTHING  
AT ALL!!

WHAT A CREEP!  
HE TRAMPLED  
ON MY HEART!



GOOD  
EVENING!



THE  
MYSTERIOUS  
20 FACES?



I AM THE  
MYSTERIOUS  
20 FACES, OF  
COURSE.

WHO  
ARE  
YOU?

glare



HA HA HA

おひはは

YOU'LL  
HAVE TO  
EXCUSE  
MY BEING  
SO  
IMPOLITE.

WELL,  
NOT AS  
A RULE.

pat

DO YOU  
ALWAYS  
BREAK INTO  
STRANGE  
GIRLS' BED-  
ROOMS AT  
NIGHT?



YOU'VE  
HEARD  
OF ME?

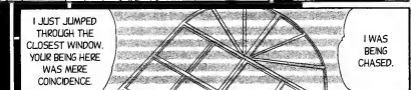
THIS  
ISN'T FUNNY.  
AREN'T YOU A  
BURGLAR OR  
SOMETHING?

YOU  
WERE  
ON  
TV.

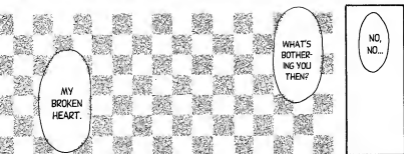


DON'T  
WORRY,  
YOU HAVE  
NOTHING  
TO FEAR.

I'M  
HARM-  
LESS.











WELL, I KNOW IT  
SOUNDS AMBITIOUS,  
BUT IDEALLY WE'D  
GET MARRIED, HAVE  
THREE KIDS, AND  
LIVE IN A LARGE  
MANSION.



IF YOU  
LOVE  
SOMEONE...

...YOU WANT  
THEM TO RETURN  
THE LOVE AND  
STAY WITH YOU  
ALWAYS, RIGHT?



BUT HOW  
CAN I LOVE  
MYSELF  
WHEN MY  
TEACHER  
CAN'T LOVE  
ME?



AND IF YOU GAVE YOUR  
BELOVED A PRESENT, YOU  
WOULD WANT HIM TO  
CHERISH IT. YOU WOULD  
PICK YOUR GIFT CAREFULLY  
SO HE WOULD NEVER WANT  
TO PART WITH IT, CORRECT?

YOU WOULDN'T GIVE  
THAT PRECIOUS SOMEONE  
A GIFT YOU DON'T LIKE.  
THEREFORE, YOU  
COULDN'T EXPECT THAT  
SPECIAL SOMEONE TO  
LOVE YOU IF YOU DON'T  
LOVE YOURSELF.

IT'S A  
CATCH-22.  
THAT'S  
WHY  
THINGS  
DIDN'T  
WORK  
OUT.

SEE?



HUH?

THEY'RE  
CHOCOLATE  
CANDIES.  
WOULD  
YOU LIKE  
SOME?



rustle  
scatter



I'LL  
TRY  
THEM.

YOUR  
SMILE  
CONVINCED  
ME!

NUH-LIKE!  
REALLY?

THEY'RE  
DELICIOUS

I'VE  
NEVER  
TRIED  
THESE





GIVE ME  
MORE.

WOW!  
HOW  
YUMMY!

EAT  
CANDIES,  
GET ANGRY,  
AND WHEN  
YOU'RE  
DONE...

THERE'S  
A GIANT  
SMILE  
HIDING  
INSIDE  
THAT  
FROWN.

ABSOLUTELY

...YOU'LL  
SMILE  
AGAIN.

I ONLY  
FEEL SKIN,  
FAT, AND  
BONES.

*tug*

**PULL**





...YOU HAVE  
THE KINDEST  
SMILE I'VE  
EVER SEEN!

GIGGLE

BECAUSE...

SEVENTEEN  
YEARS ISN'T  
SUCH A BIG  
DIFFERENCE!

THAT  
BIG  
WEENIE!

REALLY?  
YOU THINK  
SO?



ADULTS ARE SENILE  
MORONS WHILE  
CHILDREN ARE  
INEXPERIENCED IDIOTS.  
THAT'S REALLY THE  
ONLY DIFFERENCE!

ROAR!!

HE'S  
TREATING  
ME LIKE  
A CHILD  
JUST  
BECAUSE  
I'M YOUNG!



WHAT?

I  
HAVE  
AN  
IDEA.



UNREQUITED  
LOVE IS  
STILL LOVE,  
AND IF  
YOU HAVE  
ENOUGH OF  
IT FOR BOTH  
PEOPLE,  
THEN WHO'S  
TO SAY IT'S  
NOT JUST  
AS GOOD?



IF YOU CAN'T  
GIVE UP ON THIS  
PERSON, THEN  
YOU HAVE TO  
CHANGE HOW  
YOU VIEW THE  
SITUATION.

ばわ



**WHAT?!**  
WHO ARE YOU TRYING  
TO KID?! THAT'S JUST  
LYING TO YOURSELF!!



WELL,  
THEN YOU  
NEED A  
NEW  
OBJECT  
OF  
DESIRE.



A NEW  
LOVE WILL  
HELP YOU  
FORGET THE  
HURT FROM  
OLD ONES.

BESIDES...

...THERE ARE TONS  
OF GUYS OUT THERE  
WHO'D KILL TO BE  
YOUR BOYFRIEND.

HUMANS  
ARE THE  
WORST WHEN  
IT COMES  
TO LEARNING  
FROM  
EXPERIENCE.



WOW!

I'M  
GETTING  
DIZZY!





UTAKO-SAN?



I'M FINE,  
REALLY.

WAYER WAYER

HEE-HEE,  
THE  
WORLD IS  
SPINNING!

ARE  
YOU  
ALL  
RIGHT?



ARE YOU  
SURE  
YOU'RE  
OKAY?

I SEE TWO OF  
YOU...AND YOUR  
TWIN IS EVEN  
CUTER.



YOU SAID  
GUYS  
WOULD  
KILL TO  
BE MINE,  
RIGHT?

HEY, 20  
FACES!

SURE.

YES?

IN  
THAT  
CASE...





WE'RE  
ALMOST  
THERE.  
CAN YOU  
WALK?

A  
REJECTED  
WOMAN IS  
WEAK...

...BUT  
A WOMAN  
IN LOVE  
CAN BE  
SURPRISINGLY  
STRONG!



...LIFE IS  
UNPREDICTABLE.  
TOMORROW IT  
COULD BE ALL  
OVER FOR US!

SEE...

I  
DON'T  
LIKE WEAK-  
LINGS

OF  
COURSE

NOD  
NOD

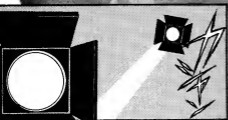
ARE  
YOU  
LISTEN-  
ING?

IF I'M  
GOING TO  
LOVE YOU,  
YOU HAVE  
TO BE  
STRONG.

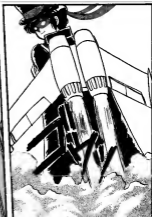
...IF YOU'RE  
HURT OR  
INJURED AND I  
AM NOT THERE,  
WHO WILL BE  
SAD AND CRY  
FOR YOU?

SO...





*IT'S 20  
FACES!*





MY  
COUSIN'S  
FRIEND  
ONCE  
TOLD ME  
HE COULD  
DO THAT.



THERE'S A STORY  
ABOUT AN OLD MAN  
WHO DILIGENTLY  
CARED FOR A CHERRY  
TREE EVERY DAY.  
DESPITE THESE  
EFFORTS, THE CHERRY  
TREE WAS FINICKY  
AND WOULD NOT  
BLOOM.

IT WAS ONLY TEN  
YEARS LATER THAT  
ITS LIMBS FINALLY  
BLOSSOMED WITH  
MAGNIFICENT, PINK  
FLOWERS. HOWEVER,  
THE OLD MAN  
PASSED AWAY THE  
VERY NEXT DAY.



STUPIDHEAD!  
GET DOWN  
HERE!

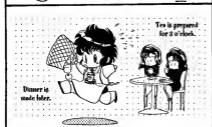


I HOPE  
LITAKO-  
SAN  
FEELS  
BETTER  
AFTER A  
LITTLE  
REST.

SHE WAS  
REALLY  
CUTE.

YOU AND ME  
ARE GOING  
TO BE  
STEADY...

END



AKIRA IJUUN, 9 YEARS OLD. OUR MAIN CHARACTER. THIRD GRADE STUDENT AT THE CLAMP SCHOOL - ELEMENTARY DIVISION. HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A MAIN CHARACTER WITH SO MANY PROBLEMS TO SOLVE? HE TAKES CARE OF ALL THE HOUSEHOLD DUTIES AND WORKS HARD TO INDULGE HIS MOTHER'S WHIMS. HE'S ALMOST LIKE A TRAGIC FAIRY-TALE CHARACTER. AND CHOOSING UTAKO AS HIS GIRLFRIEND SHOULD ONLY PROVE TO ESTABLISH MORE OBSTACLES.

# WE WANT IT!



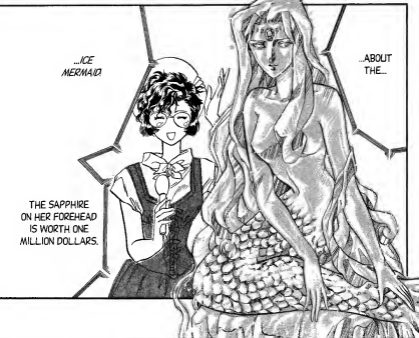


WE WANT  
THAT!

OUR NEXT  
STORY IS...



WHAT  
IS IT  
NOW?



...ICE  
MERMAID

...ABOUT  
THE...

THE SAPPHIRE  
ON HER FOREHEAD  
IS WORTH ONE  
MILLION DOLLARS.

THE PRESENT  
IS BEING GIVEN  
TO HER BY  
HER FATHER,  
THE HEAD OF  
THE OGAWA  
FORTUNE ON  
AUGUST 24TH.

THIS ICE  
MERMAID IS THE  
SIXTH BIRTHDAY  
PRESENT FOR  
UTAKO OGAWA-  
CHAN, THE  
YOUNGEST  
DAUGHTER OF  
THE OGAWA-  
ZAIBATSU.

TH-  
THAT GIRL...

THAT ICE  
SCULPTURE  
IS  
GORGEOUS!

あ、あ、あ

AKIRA-SAN  
WE  
REALLY  
WANT  
THAT.

IT'S  
UTAKO...

IT'S A  
LITTLE  
GIRL'S  
BIRTHDAY  
PRESENT.

WELL...  
BUT...

ABSOLUTELY!



YEAH, SO?!  
WHAT  
DIFFERENCE  
DOES THAT  
MAKE?



IT  
DOESN'T  
MAKE US  
NEED IT  
ANY  
LESS!



CLAMP IN KAIJIN NIJYUMENSO

ICE MERMAID

氷の人魚



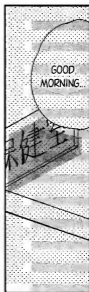


AKECHI-SENSEI IS THE CAMPUS DOCTOR FOR CLAMP SCHOOL.

HELLO, AKIRA-KUN!



AKECHI-SENSEI, DO YOU HAVE A SECOND?



GOOD MORNING...



WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?

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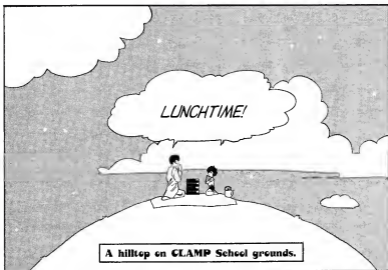
HIS SMILE IS WARM AND KIND, AND HE IS VERY WISE.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE SOME?

HE'S MY ROLE MODEL!

I MADE LUNCH.





EVERYBODY THINKS  
THEY HAVE THE  
WORST PROBLEMS  
IN THE WORLD.  
BUT IF YOU FIGHT  
THAT IMPULSE AND  
REMEMBER THERE  
ARE MANY WHOSE  
LUCK IS WORSE...

IT'S A  
FAULT OF  
HUMAN  
NATURE.

...EACH  
BECAME  
CONVINCED  
THAT  
HE'D  
BEEN  
CHEATED  
INTO  
CARRYING  
A HEAVIER  
PACK.

WHEN  
THEY  
DID...

HEY!

...YOUR OWN  
TROUBLES  
SUDDENLY  
BECOME  
EASIER TO  
BEAR.

THESE  
ONIGIRI\*  
ARE  
DELICIOUS!

WISE  
ADVICE.

\*ONIGIRI = RICE BALLS



HANG ON!  
I DIDN'T  
COME HERE  
TO EAT!





20 FACES  
POSTED  
ANOTHER  
NOTICE!



RELAXED

THEN  
WHY  
DID  
YOU?



HE'S NOTHING  
BUT A SHOWOFF!  
THE PARTY'S AT  
THE IKEBUKURO  
SUNSHINE  
CENTER...

...IN FRONT  
OF THE  
WORLD  
IMPORT  
MART  
BUILDING!



HIS NEXT  
TARGET IS  
UTAKO OGAWA-  
CHAN'S BIRTHDAY  
PRESENT, THE  
ICE MERMAID!



CURSED  
20  
FACES!

THIS TIME,  
I, RYUSUKE  
KOBAYASHI,  
WILL STOP  
YOUR PLAN  
AND BRING  
YOU TO  
JUSTICE!

ほらほらほら  
BRAVO BRAVO



HEY,  
LEAVE  
SOME  
FOR ME!



YEAH, HE  
SAID HE'S  
GOING TO  
STEAL  
YOUR GIFT!  
IT'S SO SAD,  
I WANT TO  
CRY!

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ッ  
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DID HE  
POST  
ANOTHER  
NOTICE?

YOU HEARD  
20 FACES'  
ANNOUNCE-  
MENT,  
THOUGH,  
DIDNT  
YOU?

THIS IS  
BAD...







**August 24th**

**WORLD IMPORT MART**



HER FOREHEAD  
IS DECORATED BY  
THE CELEBRATED  
MILLION-DOLLAR  
SAPPHIRE!

BEHOLD THE  
ICE MERMAID,  
COVETED BY THE  
MYSTERIOUS 20  
FACES HIMSELF!

TODAYS  
MENU IS  
BUILT  
AROUND  
ICE  
CREAM,  
UTAKO-  
JO'S  
FAVORITE  
FOOD!



ENJOY YOUR  
MEAL—COURTESY  
OF THE SUNSHINE  
ICE CREAM SHOP—  
AS WE AWAIT 20  
FACES' ARRIVAL!







IT'S THE  
MYSTERIOUS  
20 FACES!





CATCH  
HIM!!

GO!

YES  
SIR!









YOU DINGUS!  
YOU DIRTY  
PUKESTAIN!



THERE'S  
NO SIGN  
OF THE  
ICE  
MAIDEN!

STINKIN'  
THIEF!!

WHOA,  
WATCH OUT,  
KOBAYASHI-  
KUN!!

PHEW

HOW DID HE  
DO IT?! HOW  
DOES THAT  
LITTLE TWERP  
ALWAYS BEAT  
ME?!

THAT'S  
IMPOSSIBLE!  
IT'S TOO  
HEAVY FOR  
ONE MAN TO  
CARRY!



WHERE,  
WHERE?  
WHERE'S  
THE  
MERMAID?



THE ICE  
MERMAID  
WAS  
REALLY  
HEAVY.

I COULDN'T  
CARRY IT  
MYSELF, SO  
I HAD IT  
DELIVERED.

WHAT'S  
THE ICE  
CREAM  
FOR?

IN  
HERE.

KUWAHARA 乳業  
バニラ

DIPER-DAN

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I GOT IT  
AT THE  
PARTY.

CAN YOU  
BELIEVE  
THEY HAD  
A VANILLA  
ICE CREAM  
CARTON BIG  
ENOUGH TO  
HIDE IT?

IT'S 20  
EYES!



BUT WHY  
PICK  
VANILLA?  
IT'S SO  
BLAND.



...AND THEN  
CALLING TO  
HAVE THAT  
CARTON  
BROUGHT  
DIRECTLY  
HERE.

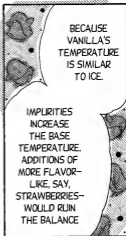


IT WAS AS  
SIMPLE AS  
MEMORIZING  
THE CARTON  
NUMBER...



AKIRA-SAN,  
YOU'RE SO  
SMART! IT'S  
ADORABLE!

YOU'RE THE  
CLEVEREST  
OF THE  
CLEVER!  
REALLY!



BECAUSE  
VANILLA'S  
TEMPERATURE  
IS SIMILAR  
TO ICE.

IMPLURITIES  
INCREASE  
THE BASE  
TEMPERATURE.  
ADDITIONS OF  
MORE FLAVOR-  
LIKE, SAY,  
STRAWBERRIES-  
WOULD RUIN  
THE BALANCE





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OH, NO!  
IT'S  
GOING TO  
MELT!

WE HAVE  
TO PLAY  
WITH IT  
NOW!



OH!



I'M SO MAD!  
20 FACES  
ELUDED ME  
YET AGAIN!



AKECHI-SENSEI  
SHOULD HAVE  
TOLD ME  
ABOUT THE  
CRANE SOONER!!



UTAKO...  
THAT  
BOW...



OH...



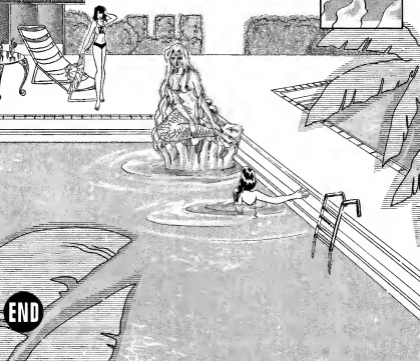
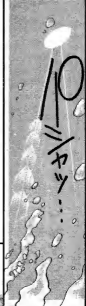
SHE'S  
WEARING  
IT!

SORRY, I  
SPACED  
OUT.



HEY, WAIT,  
SLOW  
DOWN!

LET'S GO,  
RYUSUKE-  
SAN!



END



LITAKO OGAWA, 6 YEARS OLD, ATTENDS CLAMP SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN. HER MATURE CONVERSATION MAY CAUSE SOME READERS TO FORGET THAT SHE IS SO YOUNG. SHE IS THE BABY OF HER FAMILY. IS HER RECENT TRANSFORMATION DUE TO HER FALLING IN LOVE?









YOU KNOW I  
HATE TO BE  
SCARED LIKE  
THAT IN THE  
MIDDLE OF  
THE NIGHT?

OKA-  
SAN  
...!



WE  
WANTED  
TO SHOW  
YOU BEFORE  
THE NEW-  
NESS OF IT  
WORE OFF.

WE KNOW,  
BUT IT  
WAS JUST  
SO PRETTY.



WHAT  
ARE YOU  
TALKING  
ABOUT?



AKIRA



ARE YOU  
HIDING  
SOMETHING  
IN THE  
SUN  
ROOM?

WOW!



WE WOKE YOU  
UP BECAUSE  
WE WANTED  
YOU TO SEE IT.

ISN'T  
IT  
LOVELY?



HE'S  
THRILLED!

OH, GOODIE!  
AKIRA-SAN'S  
DELIGHTED!



I'M  
CERTAINLY  
GLAD YOU  
DID.



SURE!

WHAT  
BRILLIANT  
INSPIRATION!

WHAT DO  
YOU SAY,  
AKIRA-  
SAN?!



I'VE  
AN IDEA!  
LET'S ALL  
SLEEP IN  
HERE  
TONIGHT.



\*MOBILE DETECTIVE JIBAN - A  
JAPANESE ROBOT COP CHARACTER



20 Faces plagues  
Utako Ogawa a third  
time! The target is still  
unknown.

CLAMP

新編




# WHAAAAA!!



HE'S HASSLING UTAKO OGAWA-JO AGAIN!? WHAT A LAME-O! ONLY THE WORST KIND OF BULLY WOULD KEEP STEALING FROM A LITTLE GIRL!



THERE IS NO WORSE CRIME THAN CRUSHING A CHILD'S DREAM!! SO SAYS ROBOCOP JIBAN!!



JUST WAIT,  
20 FACES! I,  
RYUSUKE  
KOBAYASHI,  
WILL GIVE  
YOU THE  
PUNISHMENT  
YOU  
DESERVE!

CLAP CLAP CLAP



I DIDN'T  
WRITE THAT  
NOTICE!

IS SOMEONE  
USING THE NAME  
20 FACES TO  
PLAY A JOKE?

I DIDN'T SEND  
A NOTICE TO  
UTAKO-SAN'S  
HOUSE!



I'VE  
ALREADY  
STOLEN HER  
BIRTHDAY  
PRESENT...

BUT WHY  
PICK ON  
UTAKO?

MY SINFUL  
DEEDS ARE  
CATCHING UP  
WITH ME.



...UTAKO-SAN...

AND IF SHE  
RECEIVED  
ANOTHER  
NOTICE...



SHE'LL  
HATE ME  
FOR SURE!!

HOW  
HORRIBLE!



OH,  
BOTTER...



WELCOME  
BACK,  
AKIRA-SAN.

TODAY'S  
PUDDING  
WAS SO  
DELICIOUS!



I'M  
HOME...



ARE YOU  
OKAY?  
YOU LOOK  
SICK.



I'LL BE IN  
MY ROOM  
UNTIL I  
START  
DINNER.



DID SOME-  
ONE BEAT  
HIM UP ON  
THE WAY  
HOME?

WAS IT  
A MAD  
KANGA-  
ROO?

WHAT'S  
WRONG  
WITH  
AKIRA-  
SAN?



MAYBE A  
MONGOOSE  
MISTOOK  
HIM FOR A  
COBRA?





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HI,  
AKIRA-KUN.

HELLO.

The Next Day...



WHY SO  
DOWN IN  
THE  
DUMPS?  
WHAT'S  
EATING  
YOU?





THERE'S A FAMOUS SHRINE CALLED KIYOMIZU TEMPLE. THEY HAVE A STAGE THAT'S PRETTY HIGH OFF THE GROUND.

IT'S NOT SO HIGH, THOUGH, THAT ANYONE HAS EVER DIED FROM JUMPING OFF IT.

YOU HAVE TWO CHOICES WHEN IT COMES TO PROBLEMS. IGNORE THEM AND LET THEM HAVE THEIR WAY, OR SOLVE THEM NO MATTER WHAT THE PERSONAL COST MAY BE.

THE EXPRESSION MEANS THAT IF YOU'RE WILLING TO RISK YOUR LIFE TO ACCOMPLISH A TASK, YOU CAN DO ANYTHING, BUT IF YOU ARE DOING IT JUST TO SHOCK THE PEOPLE WHO ARE WATCHING, THEN YOU'LL LIKELY JUST END UP EMBARRASSED. MOST PEOPLE DON'T GET THAT PART. IT'S A HIDDEN MEANING, THAT ANYTHING WORTH DOING SHOULD ALSO CARRY WITH IT A LITTLE HONEST DANGER.







The night of the counterfeit notice...



IF  
SOMETHING  
HAPPENS TO  
HIM, I'LL BE  
DEVASTATED.

IS  
AKIRA-  
SAN GOING  
TO BE  
OKAY?

ME  
TOO!



I HAVE  
TO CHECK  
IT OUT.



TIE



THAT  
SOUNDS LIKE  
A GREAT  
PLAN! YOU'VE  
ALWAYS GOT  
THE BEST  
IDEAS!

I KNOW. THIS  
TIME WE CAN  
GO AND GIVE  
HIM A HAND!

WE'RE  
GONNA  
ROCK 'N'  
ROLL  
TONIGHT!

I MADE  
THE COPS  
DRESS FOR  
THE  
WEATHER  
AND COME  
FOR  
BATTLE.

HA  
HA  
HA  
HA

OGAWA RESIDENCE

MMU-WA-HA-HA

I DARE YOU TO  
COME, 20  
FACES!!

.....





UTAKO-  
SAN!!!



...WAS ME.

THAT NOTE-

LITAKO-SAN,  
I'VE COME  
TO  
EXPLAIN.

FAINT

.....  
HUH?

BUT  
WHY...?

I WROTE  
THE  
NOTICE.









I  
COULDN'T  
KNIT  
SEPARATE  
FINGERS,  
THOUGH.

GIVE ME  
ANOTHER  
YEAR OR  
SO OF  
PRACTICE.

MAMA  
TAUGHT  
ME.



ISN'T  
IT SCARY  
TO BE A  
ROBBER?

BEING  
ON THE  
CRANE MUST  
HAVE BEEN  
TERRIFYING.



...AFTER  
YOU READ  
THAT FALSE  
THREAT.

I  
WAS  
MORE  
SCARED  
YOU'D  
HATE  
ME...

IN FACT, THE COLD WINTER NIGHT...

...IS MAKING ME BRAVE FOR US BOTH.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SCARED ANYMORE.

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NOO!

OH, NOOO!

CHARGE

CHARGE

DON'T  
LET  
THEM  
ESCAPE!

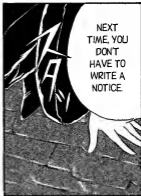
TRAP  
THOSE  
BUNNIES  
BEFORE  
THEY  
HOP  
AWAY!!







YOU CAN  
SEE ME  
WHENEVER  
YOU LIKE.



NEXT  
TIME, YOU  
DON'T  
HAVE TO  
WRITE A  
NOTICE.



I  
WANT  
TO  
BE A  
BETTER  
WOMAN  
NEXT  
TIME  
YOU  
VISIT.

*I'm good enough  
already, but...*

I'M GOING  
TO LEARN  
THINGS  
YOU DON'T  
KNOW.

I'LL  
STUDY  
WHEN  
YOU'RE  
NOT  
AROUND.

I WON'T BE  
SELFISH  
AND TAKE  
UP ALL  
YOUR  
TIME.

IT'S STUPID  
TO THINK  
WE'LL ONLY  
BE HAPPY  
ONLY WHEN  
WE'RE  
TOGETHER.

...DON'T FORGET ME, AND  
VISIT WHEN YOU CAN. IT'S  
STRESSFUL TO BE IN LOVE  
WITH A CELEBRITY. I HAVE  
TO SHARE YOU WITH THE  
SPOTLIGHT.

JUST...



FAREWELL!



I PROMISE.

YOU'RE  
THE MAN!  
YOU CAN'T  
MAKE ME  
DO ALL  
THE  
WORK!

YOU  
HAVE TO  
COME TO  
ME NEXT  
TIME.





WHAT IF YOU  
GOT HURT?  
WHAT IF THEY  
PUT YOU IN  
JAIL?



WHAT'D  
YOU GO  
AND DO  
THAT  
FOR?!

WE JUST  
WANTED  
TO HELP  
YOU.



YOU  
WERE SO  
GLIM.



NO,  
I'M SORRY.  
I DIDN'T  
MEAN TO  
MAKE YOU  
WORRY.



WE'RE  
SORRY.





HE WAS  
SMART,  
KIND, AND  
A GREAT  
COOK.  
EVERYTHING  
YOU ARE  
NOW.



HE WAS  
MARVELOUS.  
HE WAS SO  
HANDSOME  
IN HIS  
20 FACES  
COSTUME.



UH-  
HUH.

THERE'S  
NO  
DOUBT.



I KNOW  
YOU'LL  
FIND A  
WONDERFUL  
BRIDE AND  
MAKE HER  
AS HAPPY  
AS HE  
MADE US.



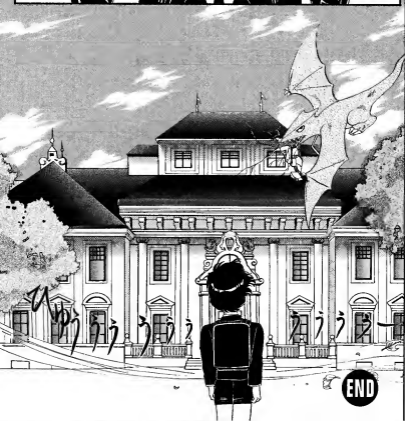
CLEARLY  
THERE'S  
SOMETHING IN  
YOUR GENES  
FOR FINDING  
GOOD WOMEN.  
YOUR  
DAD FOUND  
*TWO*

I  
HOPE  
SO.

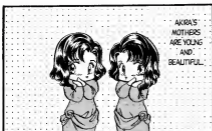


NOT A BAD  
LANDING  
FOR FIRST-  
TIMERS,  
HUH?

THE  
GLIDER IS  
EVEN CUTER  
IN THE  
DAYLIGHT.



END



AKIRA'S  
MOTHERS  
ARE YOUNG  
AND  
BEAUTIFUL.



THEY LIKE  
TO DRESS  
UP SO THEY  
HAVE AN  
AWESOME  
WARDROBE.



AKIRA-SAN,  
AKIRA-  
SAN!

BUT,  
THEIR  
FAVORITE  
OUTFIT...



...IS THIS.



MOM A/B. AGE UNKNOWN. AKIRA'S MOTHERS. NOBODY KNOWS WHY AKIRA HAS TWO MOTHERS. IT'S STRANGE TO THINK THAT THEY WOULD HAVE A CHILD IN THE FIRST PLACE. ALTHOUGH VERY WEALTHY, THEY MAKE THEIR SON STEAL FOR THEM. IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, THEY'RE HORRIBLE PARENTS.



**SHIBATAKA AKICHI.** TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OLD. CAMPUS DOCTOR AT CLAMP SCHOOL. HIS LECTURES ARE VERY LONG. THEY TAKE UP AT LEAST AN ENTIRE PAGE IN EVERY EPISODE. HE ACTS OLD FOR HIS AGE. IT BECAME APPARENT THAT HE IS AKOBA'S UNCLE IN EVENT Y.

**RYUSUKE KOBAYASHI.** SIXTEEN YEARS OLD. CLAMP HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT, SOPHOMORE. BORN THE SECOND SON, HIS PARENTS OPERATE A SUSHI SHOP CALLED TORIYA. IT'S UNCLEAR WHY HE HAS THE ABILITY TO BOSS POLICE OFFICERS AROUND. DON'T BE SURPRISED IF THAT'S NEVER CLARIFIED.

I WON'T WANT FOREVER IF IT MEANS THINGS  
WILL NEVER CHANGE.

I DON'T BELIEVE IN ETERNAL LOVE.

I WANT TO FALL DEEP, DEEP, DEEPER  
IN LOVE WITH YOU.

BUT TRUE LOVE MUST FACE  
MANY CHALLENGES.



EVENT  
**5**  
**SECRET FRIDAY**

内緒の金曜日

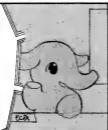




**Ogawa Residence  
Living Room**

AND NOW,  
OUR NEXT  
STORY...

AS HE HAD  
INDICATED IN HIS  
WARNING NOTE, HE  
HAD THE RG VEDA  
IN HIS HAND BY  
HALF PAST  
MIDNIGHT BEFORE  
ESCAPING ON A  
MOTHR GLIDER.



THE  
MYSTERIOUS  
20 FACES HAS  
STOLEN THE  
RG VEDA,  
A JEWEL  
ENCRUSTED  
SWORD, FROM  
NT JEWELRY.

AS USUAL,  
THESE FEATS OF  
DARING WERE  
ACCOMPLISHED  
DESPITE A  
HEAVY POLICE  
PRESENCE,  
COMMANDEERED  
BY ONE  
OBNOXIOUS  
HIGH SCHOOL  
STUDENT.



20  
FACES  
IS ALWAYS  
ON SOME  
NEW  
ADVENTURE.





WELL,  
HEH,  
YOU SEE...  
UM...



COME TO  
THINK OF  
IT...

...HE  
DIDN'T  
STEAL  
ANYTHING  
LAST TIME.



REALLY?  
YOU THINK  
SO?



HE ATE  
THE WHOLE  
THING,  
ACTUALLY!

EVEN  
THOUGH  
YOU  
MISTOOK  
THE SALT  
FOR  
SUGAR?



CAKE?

HE  
STOLE  
MY  
CAKE.

YEAH!

THE CAKE I  
BAKED WITH  
MAMA!

WHAAAT

?!  
..



BECAUSE  
YOU'D MAKE  
A BIG DEAL  
OUT OF IT,  
WHEN REALLY  
IT'S KIND  
OF FUNNY.



WHY DIDN'T  
YOU WARN  
ME, MAKOTO-  
ONEESAMA!



BURNT  
AND  
CRISPY  
LIKE  
GRILLED  
RICE  
BALLS...

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DIDN'T YOU  
NOTICE? IT WAS  
BURNT AND  
CRISPY ON THE  
BOTTOM, TOO.



I USED  
SALT  
INSTEAD  
OF SUGAR.

YOUR HEAD  
IS FULL OF  
USELESS  
KNOWLEDGE,  
MAKOTO.

BURNT  
FOOD CAUSES  
CANCER, YOU  
KNOW.



I SERVED MY  
BELOVED A  
CAKE THAT  
TASTED LIKE  
AN ASHTRAY!



...I HATE  
YOU SO  
MUCH  
RIGHT NOW,  
ONEESAMA.

I...



DON'T WORRY,  
I WASHED  
MY HANDS  
BEFORE I  
SAMPLED IT.

HEY,  
WAIT!  
HOW  
COME  
YOU  
KNOW  
SO  
MUCH  
ABOUT  
THE  
CAKE?!





LUNCHTIME!

COMING!







YOU'RE EVEN  
STUTTERING.

UHHHH,  
R-REALLY?

YOU'RE  
POSITIVELY  
BEAMING  
WITH  
JOY.

I'M  
OUT OF  
LEMONS.

YUP,  
DEFINITELY  
STUTTERING.

H-I'M  
TALKING  
p-p-  
PERFECTLY  
NORMAL.  
D-DON'T  
B-BE  
S-SILLY!

THAT  
LOOK.

IT MEANS  
HE'S IN  
LOVE.

BUT I  
WANTED  
MORE  
MILK TEA.



WHAT  
MUST SHE  
BE LIKE?

THAT  
HAS  
TO BE  
IT.



SHE LIKELY  
HAS TWO  
EYES... AND  
A NOSE.

OH,  
THERE'S  
NO OTHER  
OPTION.

IF I KNOW  
AKIRA-SAN,  
SHE HAS  
TO BE  
CUTE.

HOPEFULLY  
NO MORE  
THAN ONE  
MOUTH...



- AND  
REALLY  
CUTE  
EARS.

I BET  
SHE'S GOT  
A FLUFFY  
TAIL -



SHE'S  
WELL-  
TRAINED,  
AND CAN  
SHAKE  
AND SIT.

I BET SHE  
HAS AN  
ADORABLE  
BARK.



SHE  
PROBABLY  
FETCHES  
LIKE A  
PRO.



I'M HOLDING  
OUT FOR  
BROWN  
FUR! IT'S  
PRETTIER!



OH, YES. HIS  
FATHER REALLY  
LOVED DOGS, TOO,  
DIDN'T HE?



FORGOT.

UM...

WHAT  
WERE WE  
TALKING  
ABOUT?



WHAT IS  
AMENDMENT  
#22?

THE  
FREEDOM  
TO CHOOSE  
YOUR TRADE.



**Ogawa  
Residence**



HOW DO  
YOU KNOW  
THAT?

I HEARD IT ON  
A TELEVISION  
COMMERCIAL.



I HAVE TO  
APOLOGIZE  
FOR  
SOMETHING.



GOOD  
EVENING.



FOR  
WHAT?



WHAT  
ABOUT  
THE  
CAKE?

FOR THE  
CAKE.

LIKE A BIG  
DUMMY, I  
USED  
SALT  
INSTEAD  
OF SUGAR.

MY CAKE  
WAS  
GROSS!

AND EVEN  
WORSE, I  
BURNT IT.

I'M SO  
SORRY!

I STILL  
DON'T GET  
IT!

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LIAR!

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YOU DID?  
IT TASTED  
PRETTY  
GOOD.



YOU CAN'T  
TELL ME  
A SALTY  
CAKE  
TASTED  
GOOD!

I'M NOT LYING.  
THE ONLY  
THING I COULD  
THINK OF  
WHILE I WAS  
EATING IT WAS  
HOW YOU MADE  
IT FOR ME.

NOTHING  
COULD  
TASTE BAD  
UNDER  
THOSE  
CONDITIONS.

IT'S  
IMPOSSIBLE!





WHEN  
YOU'RE  
INVOLVED,  
I ALWAYS  
KNOW.



HOW  
DID YOU  
KNOW?



I CAN'T  
TELL HER  
I WATCH  
HER FROM  
THE TREE. I'LL  
LOOK LIKE A  
STALKER.



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IS THERE  
ANYTHING I CAN  
BRING FOR OUR  
NEXT DATE?  
I'M PRETTY  
GOOD AT BAKING  
MYSELF.

SEE YOU  
NEXT  
FRIDAY.

GOOD  
NIGHT.



YOUR  
PRESENCE  
IS ALL I  
NEED.

NO,  
YOU'RE  
ENOUGH.



BESIDES,  
I WANT TO  
GET SOME  
PRACTICE IN  
AND BAKE  
YOU AN  
EDIBLE CAKE  
THIS TIME.

I'LL BE  
LOOKING  
FORWARD  
TO IT.





AS IF  
SOMEONE AS  
ROTTEN AS  
YOU HAS EVER  
PRAYED  
BEFORE!



SO YOU'RE SAYING  
SNEAKING YOUR LOVER  
THROUGH THE WINDOW  
AT NIGHT IS MORE  
APPROPRIATE?

OH...

UH...

MY  
TORMENTED  
SOUL  
WOULDN'T  
LET ME  
SLEEP, SO I  
THOUGHT  
I WOULD  
PRAY.

OH, DANG IT!



SO  
THAT'S THE  
MYSTERIOUS  
20 FACES  
-SAN.

HE'S  
CALLED  
20  
FACES.

WHO  
KNEW  
THAT  
YOU  
RAN IN  
THE  
SAME  
SOCIAL  
CIRCLES  
AS  
LUPIN.





NO,  
I DON'T.

...DO  
YOU KNOW  
THE REAL  
IDENTITY  
OF THIS  
DANGEROUS  
CRIMINAL?

SO,  
TELL  
ME,  
UTAKO-  
SAN.



SOME  
PEOPLE  
LIKE TO  
WHINE, "WAH,  
I WAS  
TRICKED" OR  
"BOO-HOO,  
I WAS  
BETRAYED."

THAT'S  
PURE  
BALONEY.



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HIS NAME?

NOPE.



THEN THAT  
WOULD  
JUST BE  
MY TOUGH  
LUCK.

ARE YOU  
SERIOUS?  
WHAT IF  
HE'S A CON  
ARTIST?

IT TAKES  
TWO TO  
MAKE A  
THING GO  
RIGHT...  
OR WRONG.



YOU START  
THROWING  
AROUND JUNK  
LIKE THAT,  
YOU'RE JUST  
GOING TO END  
UP WITH  
TAINTED LOVE.

IF YOU END UP  
BETRAYED OR  
ABANDONED BY  
SOMEONE YOU  
LOVE, YOU'RE  
JUST AS MUCH AT  
FAULT AS HE IS.

STILL, I'D BE CURIOUS  
WHAT WISDOM OUR OKASAMA  
WOULD HAVE TO OFFER. IF  
YOU'D RATHER NOT FIND OUT, I  
SUGGEST YOU BAKE ME A  
BUTTER CAKE WITH BEAN PASTE  
FOR MY LUNCH TOMORROW.

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CLAP CLAP CLAP

SUCH  
INSIGHT.

LOVE  
THE  
PLAYER  
HATE  
THE  
GAME...



OR JUST  
TWISTED?

ONEESAMA,  
WERE YOU  
BORN  
CRUEL?





WHY  
NOT? THIS  
FRIDAY,  
A ROSE  
CALLED  
"SWEET  
CANDY"  
WILL BE  
AT THE  
HIBIYA  
GARDENS.

...ON  
FRIDAY?

## Ijyuin Residence



UH-HU!  
WE SAW  
IT ON  
TV THIS  
AFTERNOON.

JUST ONE  
ROSE, AND  
JUST ONE  
DAY! IT'S  
REALLY  
SPECIAL!



THE PRINCE  
DIED YOUNG.  
POOR THING!

IT WAS BRED BY  
AN ARISTOCRAT CALLED  
"PRINCE ON THE HILL."  
IT'S THE ONLY PLANT  
OF ITS KIND IN THE  
WHOLE ENTIRE WORLD!



*SWEET CANDY*  
WAS THE PET  
NAME HE HAD  
GIVEN TO HIS  
TRUE LOVE.

*ROMANTIC, NO?*



HE FELL  
OFF A HORSE.  
IT'S SO TRAGIC,  
I COULD CRY!

DON'T,  
BECAUSE  
THEN  
I'LL  
START!



SO  
THAT  
MEANS...



**SQUEAL  
TOGETHER,  
LIKE  
IN THE  
OTHER  
CHAPTERS!**

**WE  
WANT  
IT!**

**GIVE IT YOUR ALL!**



**DOES IT  
HAVE TO  
BE THIS  
FRIDAY?**

300...



MY MOUTH IS WATERING JUST THINKING ABOUT IT!

I HAVE A WONDERFUL THOUGHT! WE'LL MAKE JAM OUT OF THE ROSE PETALS.

WE'RE NOT THE ONES WHO SET IT UP. IT'S A ONE-DAY AFFAIR, AND THEN IT'S BACK TO THE U.S. OF AMERICA.

OLIVER

GEEZ!  
HOW CAN I MAKE THIS WORK?!

THE  
PIT OF  
UNHAPPINESS




WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?! I'VE ALREADY MADE PLANS FOR FRIDAY. AND UTAKO-SAN WILL BE BAKING A CAKE FOR ME!



NO ONE  
EVER WANTS  
TO BREAK  
A PROMISE,  
AKIRA-KUN,  
BUT  
SOMETIMES  
WE HAVE TO.



I  
GUESS.



A COUPLE OF  
GUYS HIDE  
FROM THE MOB  
BY DRESSING  
AS WOMEN,  
AND A RICH  
TYCOON  
PROPOSES TO  
JACK LEMMON...  
THINKING HE'S  
A GIRL.

LISTEN.  
THERE'S  
AN OLD BILLY  
WILDER MOVIE  
STARRING  
MARILYN MONROE  
CALLED  
SOME LIKE  
IT HOT.

LEMMON FINALLY HAS  
ENOUGH, AND SEEING NO  
OTHER WAY OUT, HE REMOVES  
HIS WIG, AND DECLARES,  
"I'M A MAN!" WITHOUT  
EVEN BATTING AN EYE,  
THE TYCOON RETORTS,  
"NOBODY'S PERFECT."

SO THE  
GUY SAYS,  
"I'LL CHEAT."  
THE TYCOON  
SAYS, "I'LL  
FORGIVE YOU."

JACK  
LEMMON  
SAYS, "I  
SMOKE."  
THE  
TYCOON  
REPLIES,  
"DOESN'T  
MATTER."

BECAUSE ONCE  
YOU DO, YOU'LL  
FIND YOU HAVE  
TO KEEP  
EXTENDING, AND  
BEFORE YOU EVEN  
REALIZE IT, YOU  
WON'T KNOW WHO  
YOU REALLY ARE  
ANYMORE.

NO MATTER HOW  
HARD YOU TRY, YOU  
CAN'T DO EVERYTHING  
EXACTLY RIGHT. EVEN  
THE GREATEST PEOPLE  
IN HISTORY MADE  
MISTAKES AND ACTED  
FOOLISHLY. IF YOU  
WANT TO BE WITH  
UTAKO, YOU SHOULDN'T  
OVEREXTEND YOURSELF  
TO AVOID BREAKING A  
PROMISE.





...IF  
SOMETHING  
SO SMALL  
CAN SEVER  
YOUR BOND.

YOUR  
RELATIONSHIP  
IS FAR TOO  
FRAGILE...

JUST  
TRUST THAT  
SHE'LL REALIZE  
HOW BAD YOU  
FEEL FOR GOING  
BACK ON YOUR  
WORD.

JUST BE  
HONEST AND  
LET HER  
KNOW HOW  
SORRY YOU  
ARE FOR THE  
MIX-UP.

NO, I  
HAVE MORE  
FAITH IN OUR  
LOVE THAN  
THAT.

IF YOUR  
APOLOGY  
IS SINCERE,  
SHE'LL  
UNDERSTAND.





AKECHI-SENSEI,  
AS ALWAYS,  
YOU'VE BEEN  
EXTREMELY  
HELPFUL.



SORRY TO  
KEEP YOU  
WAITING.



ANYTIME,  
KIDDO.



YES,  
IT'S SORT  
OF A  
TRADITION  
IN OUR  
FAMILY...

...FOR THE  
MEN TO  
LEARN  
GOURMET  
COOKING.

AKECHI-  
SENSEI, DID  
YOU COOK  
ALL THIS  
FOOD  
YOURSELF?



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TOTAL  
NON-  
SEQUITUR,  
BUT...

IF YOU  
WILL  
EXCUSE  
ME.

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DID THE  
POLICE  
FINALLY  
CAPTURE  
HIM?!

DID HE  
CATCH A  
COLD?

WHAT  
COULD BE  
WRONG?



SINCE  
PANEL 2.  
IT'S AN  
OLD  
TRICK.

ONEESAMA,  
HOW LONG  
HAVE YOU  
BEEN  
STANDING  
THERE?



WHAT'S  
RUNNING  
THROUGH  
THAT THICK  
HEAD OF  
YOURS?



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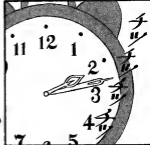
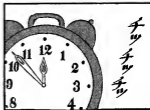
OR IS HE  
USUALLY  
SO INCONSID-  
ERATE?

HE IS  
AWFULLY  
LATE.  
MAYBE  
HE GOT  
WISE TO  
YOU BEING  
A TROLL.

HE'S  
ALWAYS  
HERE BY  
10 PM.

IT'S  
ALMOST  
MIDNIGHT.

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I'M  
TRYING  
TO  
REMAIN  
CALM  
ABOUT  
THIS.

I AM  
SURE HE  
HAS A  
GOOD  
REASON.

ONEESAMA,  
AM I  
UGLY?

NAH, YOU'RE  
YOUR USUAL  
CUTE SELF.



I  
PROBABLY  
LOOK  
HIDEOUS.

BUT I'M  
SO UPSET,  
I CAN'T  
FEND OFF  
THIS FROWN!



IT'S  
GOOD  
TO GET  
MAD.

BUT...



YOU  
GET MAD  
BECAUSE  
YOU LOVE  
HIM.



YOU  
WOULDN'T  
BE  
ANXIOUS  
IF YOU  
DIDN'T  
CARE  
ABOUT  
HIM.





I'LL BET  
YOUR  
HEART IS  
BEATING  
LOUDLY.



DON'T  
EXAGGER-  
ATE. IT'S  
NOTHING  
THAT  
HARSH.

"IF IT WAS A  
STUPID MISTAKE, THE  
POLICE MIGHT HAVE  
CAUGHT HIM, SENT HIM  
TO PRISON, AND HE'LL  
SPEND HIS LIFE IN  
JAIL WITH SOME GUY  
NAMED BUBBA!"

"WHY DIDN'T  
HE COME?"

"DID  
SOMETHING  
HAPPEN?"



FEARS ARE  
BEAUTIFUL.

PEOPLE WHO SAY  
"TRUST" AND "ETERNAL  
LOVE" WITHOUT  
REALLY KNOWING  
WHAT THOSE WORDS  
MEAN, WITHOUT FULLY  
KNOWING THEIR  
PARTNER...

...HAVE NO IDEA  
HOW TO CARE  
SO MUCH THAT  
THEY'RE THIS  
ANXIOUS.



YOU SHOULD  
BE GLAD TO  
KNOW THAT  
FEELING.



...A GIRL  
MUST NEVER  
DO FOR  
LOVE.

THERE'S  
JUST ONE  
THING...



WHAT'S  
THAT?



DON'T  
BRING ANY  
SHAME TO  
YOUR LOVE.



GET  
REALLY  
ANGRY...

...WORRY  
AND  
STRESS  
OUT.

IT WILL  
ONLY  
SERVE  
TO MAKE  
YOUR  
LOVE  
STRONGER.

BE SELFISH,  
BE UNREA-  
SONABLE,  
AND DON'T  
WORRY  
ABOUT IT.

WE'RE  
GIRLS, SO  
WE ARE  
ALLOWED.



SHAME?



LITAKO-SAN,  
DO YOU  
BELIEVE IN  
"ETERNAL  
LOVE"?

HECK NO!

BUT A BOY  
WHO MAKES A  
GIRL CRY IS  
WORTHLESS AND  
HE BRINGS SHAME  
INTO THE  
ROMANCE AND  
MAKES IT UNTRUE.



BEING A  
GIRL IS A  
PRIVILEGE,  
AND WE  
SHOULD  
TAKE FULL  
ADVANTAGE  
OF THAT  
FACT.

WE HAVE  
THE RIGHT  
AND THE  
DUTY TO  
ACT AS WE  
PLEASE.



AND I ONLY  
WANT THAT  
JOY TO  
INTENSIFY!

I DON'T  
WANT  
THINGS TO  
STAY THE  
SAME  
FOREVER.

THAT  
WOULD BE  
EXTREMELY  
DULL.

I LIKE THE  
WAY IT  
FEELS TO  
FALL IN  
LOVE.



COME ON!  
LET'S GO  
AHEAD  
AND EAT  
THE  
CAKE!!

IT'S  
WORTHLESS  
TO WALLOW IN  
UNPRODUCTIVE  
RAGE, MAKOTO-  
ONEESAN.

YOU  
SAID  
IT!

WONDER-  
FULL!



I'VE  
ALREADY  
STARTED.

I'M TRULY SORRY.  
CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE ME?  
CAN MY APOLOGIES  
BE ENOUGH?

WOW!

I'LL BE THERE NEXT FRIDAY  
—ON TIME—

HE  
NEVER  
CAME  
BY...

IF YOU'RE STILL ANGRY AND DON'T WANT TO  
SEE ME, JUST KEEP YOUR WINDOW CLOSED  
—AND I'LL RESPECT YOUR SLUMBER—  
YOURS ALWAYS, 20 FACES

20 ON TELL ME  
CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE ME? CAN MY  
APOLOGIES BE ENOUGH? I'LL BE THERE NEXT  
FRIDAY-ON TIME. IF YOU'RE STILL HERE  
AND DON'T WANT TO SEE ME, JUST KICK  
ME AT WINDOW CLOSED, AND I'LL RESPECT  
YOUR LINGER. YOURS ALWAYS  
30 PAGES

I'M NOT  
UPSET...

...SO I'LL BE  
WAITING  
WITH CAKE  
AND TEA ON  
FRIDAY.

FOR  
HIM...

MY  
WINDOW  
WILL  
ALWAYS  
BE  
OPEN.

YOU USED  
STEAK SALUCE  
INSTEAD OF  
CHOCOLATE.

WHY?

HE'S  
ACTUALLY  
LUCKY HE  
DIDN'T SHOW  
UP.

END



THE OGAWA FAMILY. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE OGAWA FAMILY: MOM AND DAD ARE BOTH VERY WEIRD, AS IS MAKOTO, THE OLDER SISTER. WHETHER YOU SEE MORE OF MAKOTO DEPENDS ON THE AUTHOR'S SISTER'S MOOD (ITAKO AND MAKOTO ARE BOTH THE AUTHOR'S NIECES' NAMES).

GOOD MORNING!  
I'M A THIRD  
GRADER AT THE  
FAMOUS CLAMP  
SCHOOL.

MY NAME IS  
AKIRA IJYUIN.

Ijyuin  
Residence

I LEAD  
A BUSY LIFE,  
MOONLIGHTING  
AS THE  
(MYSTERIOUS)  
20 FACES.

I DON'T HAVE A  
DAD, BUT I HAVE  
TWO MOTHERS.



THEY  
REALLY  
LOVE ME

MY MOTHERS  
ARE VERY KIND.



A BOY COULDN'T  
ASK FOR ANYONE  
MORE WONDERFUL,  
HONEST.

EVENT

# GOURMET HEAVEN

料理天国



**WE  
WANT  
IT!!**



**OKAY, I'LL  
GET IT!  
DON'T FREAK  
ON ME!!**

WE WANT  
CAKE!



OH,  
YOU JUST  
SCARED  
ME A  
LITTLE  
IS ALL  
...



BUT  
YOU DON'T  
EVEN KNOW  
WHAT WE  
WANT YET.

WHEN

I SEE

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YOU JUST  
HAD SOME  
CAKE.



YOUR CAKES  
ARE GOOD,  
BUT THEY  
AREN'T WHAT  
WE WANT.



STILL,  
I'LL  
MAKE  
MORE.

NOT  
SO  
FAST.



THEY WANT TO  
EAT HIS CAKE,  
BUT I DON'T  
THINK BEGGING  
HIM WOULD  
WORK.





20 FACES  
CAN'T SLIP  
THROUGH MY  
INTRICATE  
SURVEILLANCE!



I'VE  
HEARD  
THAT  
BEFORE.

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THE TV  
STATION  
ENTRANCE!



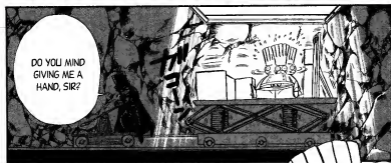
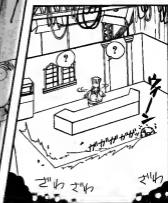
LOOK  
AT THE  
STUDIO!



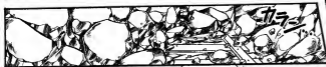
YOU  
ALWAYS  
SCOFF  
AT MY  
PLANS,  
AKECHI-  
SENSEI!

HUFF











THERE WAS  
A VERY FAST  
RABBIT. HE WAS  
PROUD OF HIS  
SPEED AND  
WANTED TO  
SHOW IT OFF, SO  
HE CHALLENGED  
A TURTLE HE  
KNEW TO  
RACE HIM.

THE  
RABBIT'S  
ARROGANCE  
COST HIM  
HIS VICTORY.  
CONFIDENCE CAN  
AID YOU IN  
ACCOMPLISHING  
A JOB WELL  
DONE, BUT TOO  
MUCH OF IT  
CAN BE YOUR  
WORST ENEMY.

THE  
RABBIT WAS  
SO CONFIDENT,  
HE STOPPED IN  
THE MIDDLE OF  
THE RACE AND  
TOOK A NAP  
UNDER A TREE.  
WHILE HE  
SLUMBERED,  
THE TURTLE  
CROSSED THE  
FINISH LINE.



STOP ME  
IF YOU  
THINK...

...YOU'VE  
HEARD  
THIS ONE  
BEFORE.



IS ANYTHING  
I'M SAYING  
GETTING  
THROUGH  
TO YOU?

THE STORY IS  
A MESSAGE.





OH! BEAUTIFUL LADIES!



WILL YOU MAKE THE QUEEN ELIZABETH CAKE FOR US?

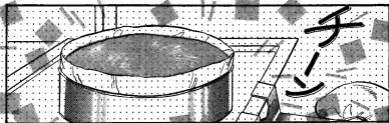
IT'S REALLY HIM! IT'S THE ROYAL PASTRY CHEF!



ANYTHING FOR THE BEAUTIFUL LADIES WOULD BE MY PLEASURE!

MY MOTHERS WERE DESPERATE FOR YOUR CAKE, AND I HAD NO OTHER CHOICE.

I APOLOGIZE FOR ABDUCTING YOU. I STOLE THE KITCHEN, TOO.



# WOW!

I CAN'T WAIT TO TRY IT! //







TO BE CONTINUED...